

Amendments to the Claims

Cancel prior claims 9-54.

Add new claims 55-83 as set out below.

55. A method for playing a casino card game capable of involving multiple players, comprising:

conducting play of a first casino card game about a gaming table according to first game rules associated with the first casino card game;
establishing at least one predetermined special round threshold event associated with play of the first casino card game which acts as a trigger for conducting play of at least one special round game by at least one special player;

suspending play of said first casino card game at said gaming table upon occurrence of said at least one predetermined special round threshold event;

initiating play of said at least one special round game at said gaming table after said suspending step with said at least one special player;

conducting said at least one special round game according to special round rules associated with play of the at least one special round game;

paying a special round bonus award to said at least one special round player if the rules of the at least one special round game are met during conduct of said at least one special round game;

awarding any players suspended from the special round game a suspended player award as provided for according to rules of the at least one special round game.

56. A method according to claim 55 wherein said awarding step makes any suspended player award conditional upon paying a special round bonus award to the at least one special player.

57. A method according to claim 55 wherein said awarding step makes any suspended player award variable dependent upon a special round bonus award to the at least one special player.

58. A method according to claim 55 wherein the special round includes play by the special player of a plurality of hands simultaneously.

59. A method according to claim 55 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of events which are involved in normal play of the first casino card game.

60. A method according to claim 55 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive events which are involved in normal play of the first casino card game.

61. A method according to claim 55 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a player which are involved in normal play of the first casino card game.

62. A method according to claim 55 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by either a player or a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

63. A method according to claim 55 wherein the special round game involves play of a single player.

64. A method according to claim 55 wherein the special round game involves play of both a player and a dealer.

65. A method according to claim 55 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players.

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66. A method according to claim 55 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players and a dealer.

67. A method according to claim 55 and further comprising betting during the at least one special round game.

68. A method for playing a casino gambling game, comprising:
conducting play of a first casino game according to first game rules
associated with the first casino game;
establishing at least one predetermined special round threshold event
associated with play of the first casino game which acts as a trigger for
conducting play of at least one special round game by at least one special
player;

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suspending play of said first casino game upon occurrence of said at least
one predetermined special round threshold event;

initiating play of said at least one special round game after said
suspending step with said at least one special player;

conducting said at least one special round game according to special
round rules associated with play of the at least one special round game;

paying a special round bonus award to said at least one special round
player if the rules of the at least one special round game are met during conduct
of said at least one special round game;

awarding any players suspended from the special round game a
suspended player award as provided for according to rules of the at least one
special round game.

69. A method according to claim 68 wherein said awarding step makes any suspended player award conditional upon paying a special round bonus award to the at least one special player.

70. A method according to claim 68 wherein said awarding step makes any suspended player award variable dependent upon a special round bonus award to the at least one special player.

71. A method according to claim 68 wherein the special round includes play by the special player of a plurality of hands simultaneously.

72. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes at least one event which is involved in normal play of the first casino game.

73. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

74. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive events which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

75. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a player which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

C) 76. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

77. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by either a player or a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

78. A method according to claim 68 wherein the at least one special round threshold event includes a plurality of consecutive threshold tally events by both a player and a dealer which are involved in normal play of the first casino game.

79. A method according to claim 68 wherein the special round game involves play of a single player.

80. A method according to claim 68 wherein the special round game involves play of both a player and a dealer.

81. A method according to claim 68 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players.

82. A method according to claim 68 wherein the special round game involves play of multiple players and a dealer.

83. A method according to claim 68 and further comprising betting during the at least one special round game.